

### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

#### Zoning Ordinance – Amendments in process:

- Work has begun to implement a street tree ordinance for all new developments. A draft has been prepared and reviewed with Parks Department staff. Review of those comments is ongoing.

#### Long-Range Planning Documents:

- A draft RFP for the Parking Study began. The RFP is anticipated to be pushed out for proposals by the end of April.
- Has set project timelines and is working on drafting the RFP for consultant work.

### COMMERCIAL BUILDING ACTIVITY

The Building Department has 37 active commercial permits. 2 new commercial permits were issued while 1 was completed. There are a lot of inquiries about potential new projects, but most are concerned over the shortage of some materials, and the higher interest rates. With this said and the number of people inquiring about building in Marion is encouraging that we will have another very busy year.

Framing for Green Park Apartments and Marion Boulevard Apartments continues with both getting the rough-ins completed on the upper floors and getting the drywalling moving forward. Tulip Tree apartment contractor has indicated that their project will start coming out of the ground in spring and the installation of the aggregate pier footings has been completed.

### BUILDING DIVISION STATISTICS

INSPECTIONS	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	LAST YEAR
ALL CONSTRUCTION	527	374	453
WRECKING	0	1	1
BEER & LIQUOR INSP		3	4
COMPLAINT INSPECTIONS	4	10	10
<b>TOTAL INSPECTIONS</b>	531	388	468
PERMITS			
ACTIVE DEPT PERMITS	6,235	6,183	10,987
PERMITS ISSUED	238	147	380
NEW SINGLE FAMILY	12	3	25
NEW MULTI-FAMILY (UNITS)	0 (0)	1 (2)	0 (0)
NEW COMMERCIAL	2	0	1
REMODEL/ADD. COMMERCIAL	1	2	4

RENTAL HOUSING			
RENTAL HOUSING UNITS	4,687	4,654	4,538
TOTAL RENTAL INSPECTIONS	208	185	262

## BUILDING CODE COMPLIANCE

BUILDING CODE COMPLAINTS	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	LAST YEAR
NEW COMPLAINTS	9	4	4
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS	3	10	13
ACTIVE COMPLAINTS	51	45	55
ACTIVE COMPLAINTS BY TYPE			
BUILDING MISCELLANEOUS	4	5	4
DEBRIS IN YARD	25	22	27
HOUSING	5	5	12
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	17	13	12

## CODE COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES

No update since last month.

## TRAIL PROJECTS

Engineering staff has been in communication with Shoemaker Haaland Engineers to get final documentation needed to request closeout for the bridge over Marion Boulevard. Once the project is accepted by Federal Highway, the gateway columns can be installed (staff anticipates over a year for approval).

## BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

### Planning & Zoning Commission

The Marion Planning & Zoning Commission met on March 20, 2023 and took action on the following items:

- Rezoning - 3301 Armar Drive - Unity Point (approved)
- Design & Site Plan Review - MISD Auditorium (approved)
- Architectural Design Standards Review - Depot (approved)

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**

The Marion Zoning Board of Adjustment did not meet in March 2023 as there were no items to be heard.

**Historic Preservation Commission**

The Marion Historic Preservation Commission met on March 20, 2023 and discussed the following:

- Reviewed proposed Depot remodel and addition. Expressed support for recommend exterior modifications including public restrooms and ice equipment storage. Expressed concern for proposed art element in public hallway. Felt the proposed postcard element was too small of images to be effective.

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on March 28<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the Code of Ethics for Marion Boards and Committees. They made their annual vote for Committee officers. They then discussed proposed changes to the Master Trails Plan map, Bike to Work Week activities, the Highway 100/East Post Road signal improvement project, and received a trail project update.

**Construction Code Review Board**

The Marion Construction Code Review Board met on March 28, 2023 and reviewed the draft of the 2023 Electrical Code.

**Nuisance Enforcement and Property Maintenance Advisory Board**

The Board met on March 7, 2023 and discussed proposed additions to the Code pertaining to firewood and examples of a nuisance.